Non-inclusion of Carpenters In the SC List

† 880. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether she is aware that the carpenters in India have been given the status of Scheduled Caste under article 341 of the Constitution but major anomalies have arisen by not giving the status of Scheduled Caste to people belonging to carpentry living in the new areas included in the region on reorganization of the Himachal Pradesh after 1966;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Government of Himachal Pradesh as forwarded requisite information to Government; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) As per provision under Article 341 of the Constitution of India, the list of Scheduled Castes has been notified for each State/Union Territories. Carpenter has not been notified in the list of Scheduled Caste.

(b) and (c) A proposal for inclusion of Tarkhan community, whose profession is stated to be wood/iron work, in the list of Scheduled Caste for Himachal Pradesh was recommended by the State Government concerned. This proposal has been processed as per approved modalities and referred to the Registrar General of India for their views.

Immigration to USA from Poor Countries

† 881. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than fifty thousand women and children are

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immigrated to USA every year from poor countries of Asia and other continents and they are exploited there;

(b) if so, the number of women and children immigrated to USA, so far, during the last three years;

(c) whether her Ministry has approached the Ministry of External Affairs to intervene in the matter; and

(d) if so, their reaction on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The details of women and children emigrating to USA from poor countries of Asia and other continents are not maintained by the Central Government.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

SC Status to Nav-shudras of Udham Singh Nagar of Uttaranchal

† 882. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1309, given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th June, 1998, and state:

(a) the reasons for deferring this matter;

(b) Government's view in the matter; and

(c) by when, the people belonging to the Nav-shudra Caste residing in Udham Singh Nagar in Uttaranchal would be accorded the status of Scheduled Caste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Unstarred Question 1309 for 8th June 1998 relates to amendment of lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. This matter is processed as per provision under Articles 341 and 342 of the Constitution and Modalities laid down for considering modifications in the list of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe.

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